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TO THE Devout Reader.

THis short Office was drawn up with true and sincere Intentions to promote the Interests of decayed and despised Piety and Religion; the Forms are for the most part taken out of the holy Scriptures, because we cannot speak to God in more acceptable terms than those which his blessed Spirit hath dictated; and it is divided into several Sections, so as the penitent Suppliant, when he is hindered from using the whole Office at one and the same time, may, as his Needs engage him, or his Prudence shall direct, use such

Collects as his Mind shall incline him to, or his Leasure will permit; and what cannot be performed at once, may give employment to the several Canonical Hours of Prayer; in which space of Time the Prayers may be once, or oftner used, as God shall influence the Soul by his holy Spirit; and may that blessed Spirit, that prays in us, and for us, assist us in all our holy Performances, till we change this World of Sin and Misery for the Society of our only Mediator and Advocate in Heaven. **Amen. Amen.**

SECT.

SECT. I.

Adoration.

§ 1. *Of God's Majesty.*

BLeſſed, O Lord, be thy glorious Name, which is far exalted above all bleſſing and praiſe. Nehem. 9. 5, 6.

Thou, even thou, art God alone; thou haſt made Heaven, the Heaven of Heavens, with all their Hoſt, the Earth, and all Things that are therein, the Sea, and all that is therein, and thou preſerveſt them, and all worſhip thee.

All that is in Heaven, and in Earth, is thine: Thine is the 1 Chron. 29. 11.

Kingdom, and thou art exalted as Head above all.

Nahum 1. 4. For this thy greatness thou art to be adored, and had in reverence; which is such, that the Mountains quake, and the Hills melt, at thy Presence; that Heaven and Earth fly away from thy Face, and there is no Place for them.

Rev. 20. 11.

2. *Of God's Justice.*

Psal. 119. 120. Upon this Consideration our Flesh trembleth, and we Sinners, who have so many ways provoked thy Wrath, are afraid of thy Judgments.

Psal. 76. 7. For who can stand in thy sight when thou art angry?

Nahum 1. 6. Who can stand before thine Indignation? Who can abide the fierceness of thine Anger?

Who

Who shall not fear, for thou art holy? Rev. 15. 4.

Our Loyns are filled with pain, our Hearts pant, being very sensible, that it is a fearful Thing to fall into the Hands of the Living God; and being very apprehensive that justly we may, because we have grievously offended him. Heb. 10. 31.

§ 3. *Of God's Mercy.*

But there is Mercy with thee, as well as Greatness, Justice, and Power, that thou may'st be feared. So feared as at the same time we may love thee, and hope in thee. Psal. 130. 4.

In confidence of finding this Mercy, which is always open to Sinners imploring it, (if

withal they humbly confess their Sins, utterly loath and abhor them, and firmly resolve to forsake them) we come at this present to spread our Sins before thee, from whom they cannot be hid, and with shame covering our Faces earnestly to beg of thee, that thou would'st blot them out of thy Remembrance, and hide thy Face from them, cast them behind thy
Mic. 7. 19. Back, cast them into the depths of the Sea, never to rise up against us.

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SECT. II.

Confession of Sins.

RIghteous art thou, O Lord, but we have rebelled against thee. O Lord, great and dreadful God, we have sinned and dealt wickedly, and have rebelled by departing from thy Precepts, and thy Judgments. Our Kings, our Princes, our Fathers, our Priests, and all the People of the Land. Jer. 12. 20. Dan. 9. 5, 6. Neh. 9. 34. 33.

With our own Wickedness we acknowledge that of our Forefathers, that neither they nor we have obeyed the Voice of the Lord our God, but have dealt proudly, and hardened our Necks against thy Word. Neh. 9. 29.

O Lord,

Dan. 9.7. O Lord, Righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us Confusion of Face; to our *KINGS*, our *PRINCES*, our *FATHERS*, our *PRIESTS*, and all the People of the Land, because we have sinned against thee. Isa. 1.6. We are full of Bruises, and putrifying Sores, from the Crowns of our Heads to the Soles of our Feet, so that there is no sound part in us.

Isa. 59. 3, &c. Our Hands are defiled with Bloud, and our Fingers with Iniquity: Our Lips have spoken Lyes; our Tongues have muttered Perverseness; our Feet have run to Evil, and made haste to shed innocent Blood; Wasting and Destruction have been in our Paths, our Works have been Works of Iniquity; the act of Violence hath been in our hands.

Instead

Inſtead of loving thee, our Lord and God, with all our Mind, with all our Heart, with all our Soul, with all our Strength, which is our reaſonable Duty, we have induſtriouſly offended againſt thee with our Faculties, Powers, Affections, Senſes.

Our Thoughts have been Thoughts of Iniquity; we have conceived Miſchief, and brought forth Iniquity. Iſa. 59. 4. &c.

We have done Evil earneſtly with both Hands; we have drunk Iniquity like Water; we have run into Sin with fierceneſs, even with that fierceneſs as the Horſe at the ſound of the Trumpet, or the rattling of the Spear ruſheth into the Battle, ſo that nothing hath been able to ſtop us in our Carreer; neither the Voice of thy Word

sounding in our Ears, nor of thy Rod lying on our Backs.

Isa. 18. 3. Though thou hast lifted up an Ensign, and blown the Trumpet, we have neither seen Amos 3. 8. nor heard; when the Lyon hath roared we have not been afraid.

Neither the Monitions of thy good Spirit, nor the Checks of our own Consciences have been of any force to turn us out of the way of Wickedness.

Our Provocations have been and are many, and enormous; *Professed Atheism*, *Open Prophaness*, *Customary Swearing*, *Solemn and Deliberate Perjury*, *Pharisaical Hypocrisie*, contenting our selves with the external Form of Godliness while we deny the Power thereof, Isa. 29. 13. drawing near to thee with our Lips while our Hearts are far

from

from thee; coming before thee as thy People cometh, and sitting before thee as thy People doth, and hearing thy Words, but not doing them; *Pride*, *Ambition*, *Disobedience to our Lawful Superiors*, *Rebellion against thy Anointed ones*, *Bloud-guiltiness*; the Bloud of the just hath been shed in the midst of us, the Bloud of the Innocent hath been shed in our Skirts:

Ezek. 33. 31.

Lam. 4. 13.

Adultery, Assembling our selves by Troops in Harlots Houses, and like fed Horses neighing after our Neighbours Wives; *Luxury*, making provision for the Flesh to fulfil the Lusts thereof; *Rapine*, *Oppression*, grinding the Face of the Poor, causing them to go Naked, taking away the Sheaf from the Hungry, keeping back the

Jer. 5. 7, 8.

Rom. 13. 14.

Job 24. 10.

Jam. 5.4. Hire of the Labourer, perver
ting of Judgment; *Defamation*
speaking evil of Dignities, flan
dering the Footsteps of thine
Anointed; making LYE
Psal. 89. 31. our Refuge; Judgment hath
been turned backward, and Ju
stice hath stood afar off. Truth
Isa. 59. 14. hath fallen in our Streets, and
Equity hath not been able to
enter. *Discontent with our Con*
dition; murmuring and repi
ning against thy good Hand of
Providence, even while our
Lines have fell to us in a plea
sant Place, and thou hast given
us a goodly Heritage. *Envy*
at the prosperity of our Neigh
bours: Covetousness, removing
their Land-marks, seizing on
their Inheritance, lading our
selves with thick Clay, ma
king Riches our God, and our
Hope.

Many

Many of these have been the Sins of our Rulers, our Prophets and our Priests. Lam. 4. 13.

Our Heads have judged for Reward, our Priests have taught for hire, our Prophets have divined for Mony, our Teachers have transgressed against thee. Micah 3. 11.

Our Prophets have seen vain and fooliſh Things: They have not discovered to thy People their Iniquities: They have daub'd with untemper'd Mortar: The Priests have prophaned holy Things; the Princes have been like Wolves ravening the Prey; the People have used Oppression, and exercised Robbery. Lam. 2. 14. &c.

For these our Wickedneſſes which are gone over our Heads, and are a sore Burthen to heavy for us to bear. Psal. 38. 4.

For

Isa. 59. 12. For these our Transgressions which have been multiplied before thee, and these our Sins which testifie against us; For these Presumptuous and Crying ones which we have represented unto thee, and those Secret ones which we have so long strove to conceal from thee that they are hid from our selves, and we cannot call them Jer. 3. 25. to remembrance; we lie down in Shame, and Confusion covereth us.

Isa. 59 2. For they have separated between thee and us; they have hid thy Face from us.

Lam. 1. 13, 14. And the yoke of them is by thy Hand bound upon us; they are wreathed about our Necks.

SECT.

SECT. III.

Deploration

Of the Publick Calamities of the Nation.

In just Revenge and Punish- Habak. 3.
ment of these, Thou hast 12.
march'd through the Lands to
which we belong in Indigna-
tion, and threshd them in thine
Anger;

Thou hast trod us down in Lam. 1. 15.
the Wine-press of thy Wrath.

Thou hast bent thy Bowe Lam. 2. 3,
like an Enemy; thou hast stood 4.
with thy Right Hand against us,
like an Adversary.

Thou hast burnt against us
like a flaming Fire, which de-
voureth round about.

Thou hast broken us down Jer. 14. 17.

with a very great Breach, our Breach is like a Sea;

Lam. 2. 4,6. Thou haſt poured out thy Fury like Fire, and accompliſhed thine Indignation upon us.

In the Indignation of thine Anger, thou haſt deſpiſed the King and the Prieſt.

Lam. 5. 16. The King mourneth, the Crown is fallen from his Head, the Prince is cloath'd with Deſolation.

Lam. 1. 4. &c. Our Prieſts and our People ſigh, our Virgins are afflicted, our Nobles and our Counſellors ſit upon the ground and keep ſilence, they hang down their Heads.

Ezek. 7. 18. Horror covers, Shame is upon all Faces.

Jer. 9. 15. Thou haſt fed us with the Bread of Wormwood, and made us drink of the Water of Gall.

Thou

Thou haſt given us (the Peo- Jer. 13.
ple of theſe Lands) a Cup of 13, 14.
deadly Wine; Thou haſt fill'd
the Inhabitants with Drunken-
neſs; and daſh'd them one a-
gainſt another.

The Earth on which we dwell Iſa. 24. 19.
is diſſolv'd: it is moved exceed-
ingly, it reels to and fro like a
drunken Man.

And with the aggravation of Pſal. 44.
this our Calamity, thou haſt 13.
made us a Scorn to our Neigh-
bours, a Reproach to them that
are round about us.

They clap their Hands, they Lam. 2. 15.
hiſs and wag their Heads at us;
our Enemies open their Mouth,
and gnaſh their Teeth againſt
us.

§. 2. *Of the Calamities of the Church.*

Lam. 2. 1. Thou hast also cover'd the Church as well as the Kingdom with a Cloud in the day of thine Anger: Thou hast cover'd it in thine Anger.

Thou hast cast down her Beauty from Heaven to Earth.

Lam. 2. 6, 7. Thou hast cast off thine Altar, and abhorred thy Sanctuary:

Thou hast taken away thy Tabernacle, thou hast desolated the Places of Assembly.

Lam. 5. 18. Thy holy Mountain of *Sion* is desolated, the Foxes walk upon it.

Thy *Jerusalem*, once the Joy and Praise of the whole Earth, now sits in the Dust.

She is become a Byword and a Pro-

a Proverb, of Diſgrace to her open Enemies; and the Grief of her Children, ſeeing her in this deſpis'd and ſcorn'd Eſtate.

And yet for all this thine Anger is not turn'd away from us, O Lord, but thy hand is ſtretched out ſtill. Iſa. 5. 25.

Reflecting on theſe thy Judgments, and our Sins which brought them on us, (our Private and Publick, our Particular and National Sins) we thy Servants viſit thee, and pour out a Prayer unto thee, deſiring thee, who once madeſt the hard Rock become a ſpringing Well, ſo to ſoften our ſtony hearts with the ſenſe of our Puniſhment, and that which merited it, that our eyes may weep ſore, run down with tears for the greatneſs of the Iniquity and Calamity of our People; We dare not ſay thine, Iſa. 26. 16.

since we seem wholly to have forgotten thee, and thou to have forsaken us; yea, run down
Jer. 9. 1. with tears day and night, like a River, because thou hast taken us up, and cast us down, that we might pour out our hearts like Water for the Desolation of the Lord's Sanctuary.

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SECT. IV.

Confession

§. 1. *Of God's Justice.*

BUT amidst the bitterness of our Souls for what hath befallen us, our Church and Nation, we give Glory unto thee, confessing that thou art Just in bringing it, and that all this is come upon us for our evil Deeds and great Transgressions. Righteous art thou, O Lord, and Just is thy Judgment; Of very Faithfulness thou hast caused us to be troubled. Psal. 119. 137, &c.

§. 2. *Of God's Mercy.*

And with the glory of thy Justice, we give thee that of thy

Exod. 34. 6. Mercy likewise: Thou art a gracious God; and not only slow to Anger, not willingly afflicting, nor grieving the Children of Men; but art withal of great kindness, and repentest thee of the Evil.

Lam. 3. 33.

Lam. 3. 32. Though thou causest Grief, thou wilt have Compassion according to the multitude of thy Mercies.

Jam. 2. 13. Thy Mercy rejoiceth against, and triumpheth o're thy Judgment.

Micah 7. 18. Thou retainest not thine Anger for ever, because thou delightest in Mercy.

Exod. 34. 6, 7. Thou art abundant in Goodness, and Truth, keeping Mercy for Thousands, forgiving Iniquity, Transgression, and Sin.

Micah 7. 18. And who is a God like unto thee, who so pardoneth Iniquity, and passeth by Transgression?

To

To thee, O Lord our God, belong Mercies and Forgiveneſs, though we have rebelled againſt thee; neither have we obey'd thy voice to walk in thy Laws which thou haſt ſet before us. Dan. 9.9.

It is of theſe thy Mercies, O Lord, that we are not utterly conſumed, becauſe thy Compaſſions fail not. Lam. 3. 22.

SECT. V.

Supplication.

IN firm belief of them, and full confidence, that thou wilt turn again, and have Compaſſion on us, while we are become Penitents, and Supplicants; We offer up at preſent unto thee our moſt earneſt Supplications in the behalf of our ſelves here aſſembled before thee,

thee, and all the Inhabitants of these sinful Lands to which we belong;

Gen. 18. 30. O let not the Lord of Heaven and Earth be angry, that we who are but Dust and Ashes, yea sinful Dust and Ashes, should speak unto thee.

For shall our Sins cry for Vengeance, and shall not we cry for Pardon?

Have they brought down heavy Judgments upon us, and shall not we entreat thee to set those far out of thy sight, and to remove these?

Remember not, O Lord, our Sins; neither the Sins of our Forefathers, nor the Sins of us Psal. 25. 7. their rebellious Children: But according to the greatness of thy Mercies, think thou upon us for thy goodness sake.

O our God, the Mighty, the Ter-

Terrible One, but yet withal a God, who keepeſt Covenant of Mercy; let not all the Trouble ſeem little before thee, which hath come upon our King, our Princes, our Paſtors, our Prophets, and on all thy People. Dan. 9 4.

O do not deſpiſe, and utterly abhor us, for thy Mercies ſake: But if thou ſhalt ſee it fit to correct us further for our manifold Tranſgreſſions; O rebuke us not in thine Anger, neither chaſten us in thy heavy Diſpleaſure, correct us, but with judgment, leſt thou bring us to Nothing. O Lord, in Wrath, remember Mercy. Pſal. 38. 1. Jer. 10. 24. Hab. 3. 2.

Remember thy Mercies, and thy Loving-kindneſſes, which have been ever of old. Pſal. 25. 6.

Though we have greatly ſinned againſt, and diſpleaſed thee, and have deſerved to receive from

from thy hands more than what we ſuffer; yet do thou, who art our Father, and our Redeemer, Return, and look upon us with the yearning Bowels, and melting eye of a Father and a Redeemer.

Iſa. 64. 8, 9. Thou art our Father; we are the Clay, and thou art our Potter; we are all the work of thine Hand:

Be not wroth therefore very ſore, neither remember Iniquity for ever.

Jer. 14. 17. O Lord, though our Iniquities teſtify againſt us, yet do thou it for thy Names ſake, for thy great Names ſake, which thou proclaimedſt before thy Servant *Moſes*, the Lord God, Merciful and Gracious, Long-ſuffering, and abundant in Goodneſs and in Truth, keeping Mercy unto Thouſands.

Exod. 34. 6.

Though

Though our Iniquities prevail against us, yet be thou merciful unto our Sins. Psal. 65. 3.

Forgive the Iniquities of thy People, and cover their Sins. Psal. 32. 1.

Look upon their Afflictions, and forgive them their Sins. Psal. 25. 18.

O Lord, long suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving Iniquity and Transgression, as well as by no means clearing the Guilty; Pardon, we beseech thee, the Iniquity of this People according unto the greatness of thy Mercy, and as thou hast forgiven them until now.

Turn us, O our Saviour, and let thine Anger cease from us; Turn us from the Sins we have already committed, by an unfeigned bitter Sorrow for them; and from those we may be in danger of committing, by an utter loathing and abhorrence

of

of them: And turn us unto thy Self by a holy Love, and fear of thy great Name.

Turn thou us, O Lord, from the Evil of our Ways, and the Violence that is in our Hands: And then we may be sure since thou thy self hath told us so,

Jon. 3. 9. that thou wilt turn and repent; Thou wilt turn away from thy fierce Anger, and we shall not perish.

Turn us, O God of all Purity, who canst not behold Evil, nor look on the least Iniquity, from all that is displeasing in thine eyes, to all which is gracious in thy sight.

Lam. 5. 21. Turn thou us unto thee, O Lord, and so we shall be turned;

Isa. 26. 18. Then we shall by thy Judgments which have been and are abroad on the Earth, learn the Righteous-

teousness, they were designed to teach us; we shall search and try out our Ways, and turn unto the Lord; we shall lift up pure hearts and hands to our God which is in Heaven.

And when thou hast thus turned and instructed us, turn thou again unto us, O Lord, at the last, and be gracious unto thy Servants.

O satisfie us with thy Mercy, and that soon. Psal. 90. 13, 14.

Be not angry with us for ever, neither draw out thy Wrath to all Generations.

O remember the Affliction thou hast afflicted us with: and have Compassion on us, and do us good. Lam. 3. 19.

Remember us, O Lord, according to the Favour thou bearest unto thy People; O visit us with thy Salvation. Psal. 106. 4.

Com-

Pſal. 90. 15. Comfort us again now after the time, that thou haſt plagued us, and for the Years, wherein we have ſuffer'd Adverſity.

Habak. 3. 2. O Lord, revive thy work in the midſt of the Years. Raiſe us up out of a ſtate of Miſery, which reſembleth Death; in the midſt of theſe Years, make known thy Power, and thy Goodneſs,

What thou canſt, and what thou wilt do for us.

Iſa. 51. 22. O thou who haſt been juſtly diſpleaſed at us, and in thine Anger moved the Land, and divided it, heal the Sores thereof for it ſhaketh; Take out of her hand the Cup of Trembling, even the Cup of the Dregs of thy Fury, that ſhe no more drink it again.

Pſal. 108. O deliver us from all our Trouble and Oppreſſion, for we do

do not truſt in the Arm of Fleſh: Vain is the help of Man, and by ſtrength ſhall no Man prevail: 1 Sam. 2. 9.

But our Souls truſt in thee, and under the ſhadow of thy wings ſhall be our Refuge, until this Tyranny be overpaſs'd Pſal. 57. 1.

O Lord, make bare thy holy Arm, and let us ſee the Salvation of our God. Iſa. 52. 10.

Awake, awake, put on ſtrength O Arm of the Lord. Awake up as in the ancient Days. Iſa. 51. 9.

SECT. VI.

Expostulation.

Zech. 1. 12. O Lord, how long wilt thou not have mercy on the People of these Nations, against whom thou hast had Indignation?

How long shall the Land mourn for the wickedness of them that dwell therein?

Hab. 1. 2. O Lord, how long shall we cry unto thee of Violence, and thou wilt not hear? even unto thee of Violence, and thou wilt not save?

Habak. 1. 3. Why dost thou shew us Impiety, and cause us to behold Grievance? for Spoiling and Oppression are before us.

Jer. 14. 19. Why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? Why do

do we look for Peace, and there is no Good? for the time of Healing, and behold Trouble?

Why do we wait for Light, but behold Obscurity? Why do we look for Salvation, but it is far from us? Isa. 59. 9. & 11.

Why is our Pain perpetual, and our Wound incurable? Jer. 15. 18

O God, wherefore art thou absent from us so long? And why is thy Wrath so hot against the Sheep of thy Pasture? Psal. 74. 1.

How long wilt thou be angry with thy People that prayeth? Psal. 80. 4.

How long wilt thou hide thy Face from us, for ever? Psal. 79. 5.

Shall thy Jealousie burn like Fire for ever?

Wilt thou utterly reject us? Will thy Soul loath us?

Wherefore hidest thou thy Face, and forgettest our Affliction and Trouble? Psal. 44. 24.

Jer.14.8. O thou our Hope and Saviour in the time of Trouble, why shouldst thou be as a Stranger in our Land, or as a wayfaring Man, that turneth aside to tarry for a Night? No more concern'd for our Welfare, than Travellers are for those places thro' which they pass?

Why shouldst thou be as a Man astonied, quite tired out? as a mighty Man that cannot help, or whose assistance falls short of their Needs, he comes to succor?

Is.63.15. Where is thy Zeal and thy Strength, the sounding of thy Bowels, and thy Mercy towards us? Where are thy former loving Kindnesses, are they restrained?

Jer.12.1. Righteous art thou, O Lord, when we plead with thee, yet let us talk with thee of thy Judgments;

ments; Wherefore doth the way of the Wicked prosper? Wherefore are they all happy that deal very treacherously?

Wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously? Habak. 1. 13.

At length, O Lord, look down from Heaven, the habitation of thy Holiness, and thy Glory, and behold us with an Eye of Pity. Isa. 63. 15.

Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? Arise, and be not absent from us for ever. Psal. 44. 23.

Arise to our help; and redeem us for thy Mercies sake.

Arise thou Judge of the World, and reward the Proud after their deserving. Psal. 94. 2.

Lord, how long shall the ungodly, how long shall the ungodly triumph? Ver. 3.

How long shall they speak so Ver. 4.

disdainfully, and make such proud boasting?

1 Sam. 2. 3. Let them talk no more so proudly, let not Arroganey come out of their mouths.

Psal. 94 1. O Lord God, to whom Vengeance belongeth: O God to whom Vengeance belongeth, shew thy self.

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SECT. VII.

Intercession.

O Lord God of Hosts, thou that art God, even thou alone, of all the Kingdoms of the Earth, incline thine Ear, and hear; open thine Eye, O Lord, and see, and hear all the words that they have despightfully spoken to reproach thee the living God. Isa. 37. 16, 17.

Surely, O Lord, though thou hast torn us, thou wilt heal us: Though thou hast smitten us, thou wilt bind us up. Hos. 6. 1.

§. 1. *For the Church.*

But especially, O Lord, according to all thy Righteousness, let thine Anger and thy Dan. 9. 16.

Fury be turned away from *Jeruſalem* thy holy Church; this in particular, and cauſe thy Face to ſhine upon thy Sanctuary which is deſolate for the Lord's ſake.

Iſa. 54. 7, 8. O thou who haſt forſaken her, with great mercies gather her.

O thou who haſt hid thy Face from her, with everlaſting kindneſs have mercy on her.

Pſal. 51. 18. O be favourable and gracious unto *Sion*, build thou the walls of *Jeruſalem*.

Pſal. 102. 13. 46. 4. Ariſe and have mercy upon *Zion*; for it is time, that thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come. Let it pity thee to ſee her in the duſt.

Micah 7. 8. Though ſhe be fall'n, yet do thou raiſe her up; though ſhe ſit in darkneſs, yet be thou her light, that her Enemies may not rejoice againſt her. And

And then let thy Salvation be for Walls and Bulwarks unto her. Isa. 26. 1.

Lay her Stones with fair Colours, and her Foundations with Saphires: Make her Windows of Agat, her Gates of Carbuncle, and all her Borders of pleasant Stones. Isa. 54. 11, 12.

And let no Weapon form'd against her prosper. Isa. 54. 17.

Let *Zion* awake, and put on strength; let *Jerusalem* shake her self from the Dust, and put on beautiful Garments. Isa. 52. 1, 2.

Think upon thy Congregation, which thou hast purchased and redeemed of old, and Mount *Zion*, wherein thou hast dwelt. Psal. 74. 2.

Comfort her, comfort her waste Places; make her Wilderness like *Eden*, and her Desert like the Garden of the Lord. Isa. 51. 3.

Return, we beseech thee, O Lord

Psal. 80. 14, 15. Lord God of Hosts, look down from Heaven, and behold, and visit this thy Vine; and the Vineyard which thy right hand hath planted.

Jer. 12. 7. O give not thine heritage over into the hands of her Enemies: O suffer not thy Vineyard to be destroyed, thy Portion to be trod under foot, thy pleasant Portion to be a desolate Wilderness.

Eccles. 36. 14, 15, 16. O be merciful unto *Jerusalem*, the place of thy Rest.

Fill *Zion* with thy unspeakable Oracles.

§. 2. *For the Pastors of the Church.*

Raise up Prophets to her in thy Name, and let them be found faithful:

Such as may not follow their own

own Spirit, nor ſpeak a Viſion out of their own hearts, ſeducing the People, and ſaying Peace, when there is no Peace. Jer. 23. 16.

As may not pollute thee among them for handfuls of Barley, and pieces of Bread, ſlaying the Souls that ſhould not die: And ſaving alive the Souls that ſhould not live, making the hearts of the Righteous ſad, and ſtrengthning the hands of the wicked. Ezek. 13. 19.

O give her ſuch Paſtors, as may not feed themſelves (eating the fat) but thy Flock; who may ſtrengthen the Diſeas'd, heal the Sick, bind up the Broken, ſeek that which is loſt, and bring back that which is driven away; and may lay down their Lives for their Sheep, if occaſion requires. Ezek. 34. 3. & 4.

Let her Prieſts be cloathed with

Mal. 2. 7. with Righteouſneſs, their lips preſerve knowledge, and the People ſeek it at their mouths.

Mal. 3. 3. Purify, and purge them as Gold and Silver, that they may offer unto thee an offering of Righteouſneſs.

Deut. 33. 8. Give thoſe holy ones thy Thummim and thy Urim, ſend fort thy Truth and thy Light into their hearts, whereby they may be able to teach thy People thy Judgment and thy Law.

Ezek. 33. 6. &c. Set ſuch Watchmen upon her Towers and Bulwarks as ſeeing thy Sword, the Sword of thy Judgments drawn, may blow the Trumpet, and warn thy People; ſuch who at all times may cry aloud, and ſhew them their tranſgreſſions; to the end that they may depart from them, and fear, and do no more wickedly.

Appoint

Appoint ſuch Miniſters over thy Church, who taking heed to their Lives, and Doctrine, (the Exemplarineſs of the one, and Soundneſs of the other) may bring many to Righteouſneſs, and ſave others who ſhall ſee their good Converſation, and hear their ſound words, as well as themſelves. 1 Tim. 4. 16.

Such, who may never ſquare their Conſciences according to the corrupt, and changeable Models of the Times, to ſerve an Intereſt; nor ſmooth their Tongues, and make them pliant to pleaſe wanton, and itching Ears, but may live in a conſtant practice of thoſe great Leſſons of Denying themſelves, and taking up the Croſs; ſtand always prepared in a firm reſolution of mind, to follow the great Shepherd of the Flock, and

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Bishop of Souls to Mount *Calvary*, to die for the Testimony of Jesus, as he did for them.

Being thus disposed to suffer, animate them continually with thy good Spirit, one of whose seven-fold Gifts is Courage that being raised above the Threats of the Rulers, and Rage of the People, they may with all boldness
Acts 4. 25, 29. speak thy Word, sharply reprove Vice without respect to Persons, and so by their zealous Labours turn the hearts of the
Mal. 4. 6. Fathers together with their Children to each other, and both to the wisdom of the Just, as thou mayst not come and smite the Earth with a Curse; a more dreadful one than any it hath hitherto felt.

§. 3.

For the KING.

BEhold, O God our Defender, and look upon the Face of thine Anointed. Psal. 84. 9.

Thou hast cast him off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with him. Psal. 89. 38.

Thou hast profaned his Crown by casting it to the ground. 39.

Thou hast set up the right hand of his Adversaries, thou hast made all his Enemies to rejoice. 42.

The Troubles of his heart are enlarged; O bring thou him out of all his Troubles. Psal. 25. 17.

O consider his Trouble, and know his Soul in Adversity. Psal. 31. 7.

Consider his Adversity, and deliver him: Avenge thou his Cause.

O God of Knowledge, by whom

1 Sam. 2. 3. whom Actions are weigh'd; who judgeſt the ends of the Earth; Conſider the Juſtice of his Cauſe.

Unto thee he hath made his Solemn Appeal.

Deal with him according to the Innocency he hath profeſſed to be in him, with regard to the foul Crimes his Enemies have ſlanderouſly charg'd him with.

Lam. 3. 59. Thou haſt ſeen his Wrong; Judge thou his Cauſe: Judge him, O God, and plead his Cauſe againſt an ungodly and unmerciful Nation.

Pſal. 43. 1. Deliver him from the deceitful and unjuſt Man.

Pſal. 71. 20. O what great Troubles and Adverſities haſt thou formerly ſhew'd him, and yet didſt thou turn and refreſh him, and broughteſt him from the deep of the Earth again. O re-

O remember thy loving kind- Pſal. 25.6.
neſs; and thy mercies that have been ever of old, and work the ſame Miracle of mercy for him afreſh.

Thy Righteouſneſs is very Pſal. 71.
high, and great things are 19.
they that thou haſt done: And that is not minished, nor thy hand ſhortned, that thou canſt not do the ſame works anew.

Thy hand is not ſhortned, Iſa. 59.1.
that it cannot ſave; neither thy Ear heavy, that it will not hear.

O prepare thy loving mercy, Pſal. 61.7
and thy faithfulneſs, that they may preſerve him.

O thou who killeſt and ma- 1 Sam. 2.
keſt alive; who bringeſt down 5, 6.
to the grave, and bringeſt up; who makeſt poor, and makeſt rich; bringeſt low, and liftſt

up; lift up his Head again, replace him on the Throne, and eſtabliſh him there, that on his Head, and on the Heads of his Poſterity in due order after him the Crown may for ever flouriſh.

1 Chron. 29. 11. Do thou this, O Lord, whoſe is the Greatneſs, and the Power, and the Glory, and the Victory, and the Majeſty.

Pſal. 21. 6. Give ſtrength unto the King, the wholſom ſtrength of thy Right Hand, exalt the Horn of thine Anointed.

Pſal. 28. 8. Be thou the ſtrength, the ſaſaving ſtrength of thine Anointed.

Pſal. 40. 13. Be pleaſed, O Lord, to deliver him; make haſte to help him.

17. Be thou his Helper, and Deliverer; make no long tarrying, O our God. Deli-

Deliver him from the ſtrivings of the People; let the Sons of Violence be no longer able to oppreſs him. Pſal. 18. 43.

Send down from Heaven, and ſave him from them who would ſwallow him up. Pſal. 57. 3.

Change and ſoften, if it be thy gracious Will, the hearts of his moſt obſtinate Adverſaries, towards him; But if they ſhall perſiſt to harden them againſt him, and will not relent, break them in pieces, and out of Heaven thunder upon them.

Caſt forth thy Lightning, and tear them; ſhoot out thine Arrow, and conſume them. Pſal. 144. 6.

Deſtroy thou them, O God, let them periſh through their own imaginations; caſt them out in the multitude of their ungodlineſs, for they have rebelled againſt thee. Pſal. 5. 10.

Pſal.17. 13. Up Lord, diſappoint them, and caſt them down.

Deut.33. 11. Smite through the loins of them that riſe againſt him, and of them that hate him, that they riſe not again.

§. 4. *For his faithful Subjects.*

Pſal.125. 4. But do good, O Lord, unto them that are good and true of heart.

Pſal.12.1. Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaſeth; for the faithful are diminiſhed from among the children of men.

Jer.12.4. For the way of the wicked proſpers, and all they are happy that deal very treacherouſly.

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The Wicked doth compaſs about the Righteous: He devoureth the Man that is more Righteous than he. Habac. 1. 13.

He among us who departs from Evil, or endeavors ſo to do, makes himſelf but a Prey. Iſa. 59. 15.

O let not the Rod of the Wicked come into the Lot of the Righteous, leſt the Righteous put forth their hands unto wickedneſs. Pſal. 125. 3.

Let the ſighing of the Priſoners come before thee, all who are in Bonds for Righteouſneſs ſake; according to the greatneſs of thy Power preſerve thou thoſe, that are appointed to die for the teſtimony of Truth and Juſtice. Pſal. 79. 11.

Be thou a Refuge, O Lord, unto all who are any ways oppreſſed, a Refuge in theſe times of Trouble. Pſal. 9. 9.

Re-

Psal. 41. 1. Remember their Trouble, O Lord, and in due time deliver them out of it all.

Psal. 74. 21. O let not the oppressed go away asham'd: But remember, O Lord, the Reproach of those thy Servants, how they do bear in their Bosoms the Reproach of all the mighty People; wherewith they have reproached them; wherewith they have reproached their adherence to the Cause of thine Anointed.

Psal. 74. 22. Remember how in this these foolish ones reproach thee: And do thou arise, O God, and plead thine own Cause with them.

In thine own proper Season turn away this Reproach from them, and turn it to their glory.

In the mean time uphold them with thy free and principal Spirit,

rit, while for Conscience towards thee they suffer Grief wrongfully.

Keep them in perpetual peace, and stay their Minds on thee. Isa. 26. 3.

Assist them in considering that they were call'd unto Sufferings of one kind or other, and that these are inseparably connext with Piety, and that the Cross is the very Badge of their Christianity;

That the Author and Finisher of their Faith so suffer'd before them to leave them his Example, that they might follow his steps; 1 Pet. 2. 19, 21.

That the Captain of their Salvation was perfected through Sufferings, to the end he might bring many Sons unto Glory: Hebr 2. 10

Hebr. 11. And thus looking up to him and his Example, let them glory in their Afflictions which are his, and prefer them before all the pleasures of Sin; count his Reproach greater Riches, than the Treasures of the world, and suffering on his account, all Joy.

Hebr. 12. 2, 3. Enable them while they thus regard him as their mark and pattern, to run the Race which is set before them with patience, even without weariness and fainting, till they have finish'd their course; To fight the good fight of Faith, though it be with resisting unto Blood, that having run and strove lawfully, they may be crown'd.

Dan. 9. 18, 19. O Lord, incline thine Ear and hear, open thine Eye and see: For we do not present our Sup-

Supplications before thee in behalf of our Selves, our Church, our Paſtors, our KING, and the People of theſe Nations, for our own Righteouſneſs; but for thy great Mercies.

O Lord hear, O Lord forgive, hearken and do for thine own ſake, O our God.

Help us, O God of our Salvation, for the glory of thy Name. Pſal. 79. 9.

Behold our Deſolations and Miſery: And deliver us, and purge away our Sins for thy Names ſake. Dan. 9. Pſal. 79. 9.

O Lord, though our Iniquities teſtify againſt us; for our Backſlidings are many, do thou it for thy Names ſake. Jer. 14. 7.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, who are moſt vile and unworthy.

But

But unto thy own great Name give the glory of this Redemption; for thy Mercies, and thy Truths sake.

Psal. 33. 22. Our Soul hath patiently tarried for thee, we have hoped in thy holy Name.

Let thy merciful kindness be upon us, like as we do put our trust in thee.

We depend upon thy Mercies for the doing of this, O God, which are infinite and everlasting.

Upon thy Goodness, which is an inexhaustible Fountain and Store.

Upon thy Long-suffering, which is not to be wearied out with our Iniquities, if at any time we turn from them.

Upon thy Promises which are without Repentance, are Yea and

and Amen, and ſtand faſt for ever.

Upon the ſatisfaction of thy Beloved Son; whoſe offering up of himſelf through the Eternal Spirit, was an All-ſufficient Atonement for the Sins of the whole World, and therefore of ours.

Upon his moſt powerful Mediation and Advocation which he now diſchargeth, ſitting at the Right Hand of the Throne of thy Majeſty; there ever living, and ever interceding, and pleading for us.

Upon his holy Word, one tittle of which ſhall never paſs away, in which he hath told us, That whatſoever we ſhould ask of thee our Father in his Name, thou wouldſt give us.

In

In confidence of all this, we ſum up theſe our imperfect Supplications in his moſt abſolute Form of Prayer; We offer up theſe our ſinful ones in and through his complete Merits to be pardon'd, accepted, and anſwer'd as it may be beſt to thee, and may be beſt for us,

ſaying

Our Father, &c.

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